## State of Rhode Island Department of Administration

## INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

## Office of Accounts and Control

**TO:** Chief Financial Officers **DATE:** March 28, 2002

State Departments and Agencies

**FROM:** Lawrence C. Franklin, Jr., State Controller

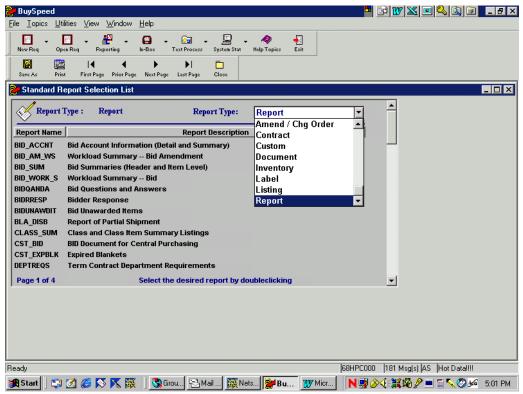
SUBJECT: EXPIRED BLANKET ORDERS

Master Blankets end at all times during the year, not just June 30<sup>th</sup>. In an effort to avoid the usual end of year scramble, we have awarded PO's ending July 31, August 31<sup>st</sup>, etc. The Division of Purchases has been receiving requisitions to create new Master Blankets for periods which start before prior blanket end. We believe this is happening because staff are not looking at the existing PO's, only their old requisitions.

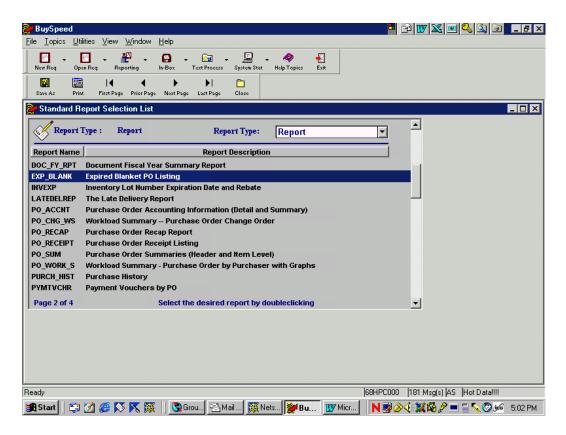
Unfortunately, these inappropriate requisitions are using staff resources which should be directed toward contracts which must be addressed by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Purchasing will be returning incorrect blanket requisitions to be corrected.

The best way to avoid this problem is to use the Expired Blanket Report in RISAIL to obtain a list of all blankets and their end dates. (See attached.) You can set the criteria to report all documents for a certain location, regardless of end date. Or you can limit reports to a blanket ending on or before June  $30^{th}$  by inserting a criteria using <=6/30/2002 (less than or equal to June 30, 2002.

## **EXPIRED BLANKET REPORT**

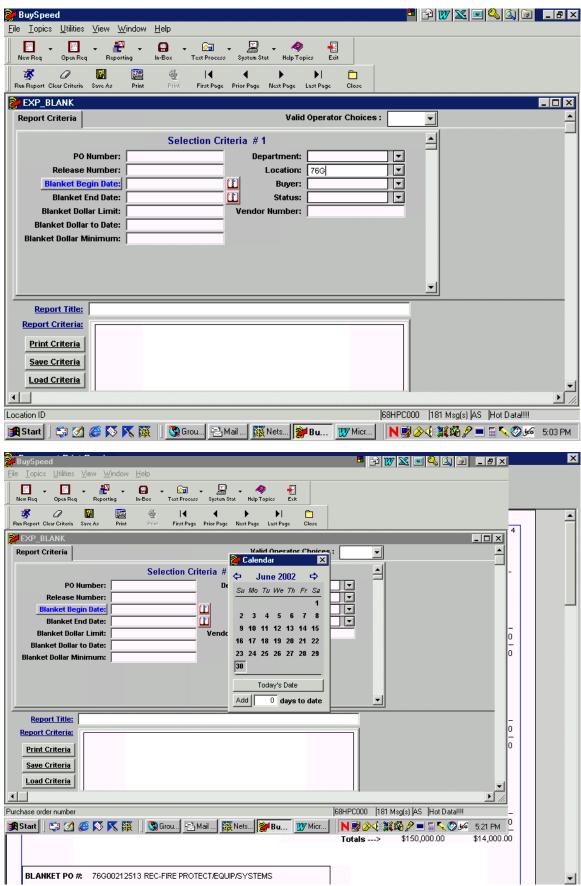


Report Type = Report



EXP BLANK Expired Blanket Report

Set criteria to location or a blanket end date.



When setting a date use the calendar in the criteria screen.

Double click on the date you want for the Blanket End Date Field. It will appear in the box. Insert the symbol <= in front of the date. This will create a search for all blanket masters ending before or on the date selected.

